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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 11, 1973.

	7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3
BEGINNING STOCK	25,027.4	24,581.3	25,865.9	25,345.9
ROUTE 5	--	1,706(1)	--	--
MEKONG RIVER	--	-	--	1,264.4
TOTAL AVAILABLE	25,027.4	26,287.3	25,865.9	26,610.3
LESS DISTRIBUTION	443.2	414.9	520	520
BALANCE	24,584.2	25,872.4	25,345.9	26,090.3
LESS ADJUSTMENT	2.9	6.5		

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BALANCE 24,581.3 25,865.9

	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7
BEGINNING STOCK	26,090.3	26,370.3	25,850.3	25,330.3

ROUTE 5	800	--	--	--
MEKONG RIVER	--	--	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE	26,890.3	26,370.3	25,850.3	25,330.3
LESS DISTRIBUTION	520	520	520	520
BALANCE	26,370.3	25,850.3	25,330.3	24,810.3

	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11
BEGINNING STOCK	24,810.3	25,090.3	24,570.3	24,050.3
ROUTE 5	800	--	--	800
MEKONG RIVER	--	--	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE	25,610.3	25,090.3	24,570.3	24,850.3
LESS DISTRIBUTION	520	520	520	520
BALANCE	25,090.3	24,570.3	24,050.3	24,330.3-46.8

DAYS

- A) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 21,930.3 AT 520-42.2 DAYS
 B) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 23,065.9 AT-44.4 DAYS
 C) IN THE EVENT BOTH ARE CLOSED: 20,665.9 AT 520-39.7 DAYS

(1) THIS INCLUDES 11,539 BAGS OF APDDY CONVERTED INTO 495 M/T OF RICE.

2. RICE PRICES. PRICES APPEAR TO BE RISING FOR QUANTITIES OF RICE IN EXCESS OF 15 KG. BROKENS 1/2 AND BROKENS 3/4 WERE ALSO AVAILABLE IN 15 KG UNITS OR LESS.

8/2/73

RICE	1 KG.	15 KG.	100 KG.	GKR 100 KG.
1/15	80	1,100	7,800	5,700
1/25	70	1,050	6,800	5,500
1/50	65	950	N/A	5,000
BROKENS 1/2	68	960	N/A	3,700
BROKENS 3/4	60	900	N/A	2,500

3. RICE DISTRIBUTION THE RICE DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES TO BE LOW AS THE AVERAGE RATE OF DISTRIBUTION SINCE JUNE 20 IS NOW 468 M/T PER DAY. YESTERDAY'S DISTRIBUTION WAS 443 M/T. THE TEN DAY RUNNING CONFIDENTIAL

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AVERAGE IS 336 M/T PER DAY.

4. ROUTE 5. ROUTE 5 REMAINS OPEN TO CONVOY TRAFFIC AND A RICE CONVOY ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH FROM BATTAMBANG ON AUGUST 1ST WITH 936 M/T OF RICE, 274 M/T OF BROKENS AND 11,539 BAGS OF PADDY (THE EQUIVALENT OF 495 M/T OF RICE WHEN MILLED). THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT STOCKS IN BATTAMBANG ARE REPORTED TO BE ALMOST DEPLETED. SORAPA CABLED THE RICE COMMITTEE TODAY THAT ITS STOCKS WERE LOW AND THAT A PART OF THE 1,300 M/T OF RICE AND 16,000 BAGS OF PADDY PURCHASED FROM JULY 15 TO JULY 28 MUST BE RESERVED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER PROVINCES IN MILITARY REGION THREE. THE EXACT AMOUNT OF SATRAR STOCKS IS NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE 250 TRUCK CONVOY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM BATTAMBANG ON AUGUST 4

WILL BRING THE REMAINING SATRAR STOCKS.

THE CONVOY SYSTEM IS SLOWLY BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE AND NOW THE PROBLEM IS THE GKR'S ABILITY TO BUY MORE RICE IN BATTAMANG. PRIME MINISTER IN TAM IS PLANNING TO VISIT BATTAMBANG THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT RICE SITUATION IN BATTAMBANG WITH THE PROVINCIAL CHIEF. THE UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE IS ALSO PLANNING TO GO TO BATTAMBANG TO PRODUCE LOCAL OFFICIALS TO BUY AND TO SHIP TO PHNOM PENH AS MUCH RICE AS POSSIBLE.

5. RICE AIRLIFTS. RICE AIRLIFTED IN THE PAST 48 HOURS AMOUNTS TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF SORTIES AND METRIC TONS:

KOMPONG THOM SVAY RIENG KOMPONG CHAM

7/31 GKR	3-8.4	2-6.0	-0-
AIR AMERICA	NA	1-5.8	NA
USAF	NA	NA	-0-;
8/1 GKR	2-5.7	4-14.5	3-17.2
AIR AMERICA	NA	1-4.8	NA
USAF	NA	NEEX	-0-

ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 31, THE GKR MANAGED TO PUT A STOP TO FANK'S RECRUITING METHODS WHICH HAD HAMPERED THE MOVEMENT OF RICE TO POCHENTONG AIRPORT DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER,

ONE KHMER AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THE KOMPONG CHAM RUN WAS GROUNDED ON JULY 31 BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, AND THE POOR CONDITION OF THE RUNWAY CONTINUES TO PREVENT USAF'S C-130'S FROM LANDING AT
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THAT LOCATION.

THE DECISION TO SWITCH TO A TYPE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT LIGHTER THAN THE C-130 FOR THE KOMPONG CHAM AIRLIFT IS AWAITING A JOINT DETERMINATION BY MEDTC/USAF, EXPECTED MOMENTARILY, AS TO THE SHORT TERM STRENGTH OF THE RUNWAY. A SEPARATE REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE SAME SUBJECT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE RICE COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 3RD. MEANWHILE, THE RUNWAY HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC AFTER 1300 HOURS FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS WHILE UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

THE AIR AMERICA AIRLIFT TO SVAY RIENG HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY SLOWED DOWN BY THE ON-THE-SPOT REPLACEMENT OF A PROPELLER ON ONE C-123 WHICH WAS FINALLY ABLE TO RETURN TO SAIGON ON AUGUST 1, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME A SECOND C-123 WAS BEING PATCHED UP IN SAIGON AFTER RECEIVING 14 LIGHT HITS FROM ENEMY FIRE ON JULY 28. TODAY, AUGUST 2ND, AIR AMERICA FLEW SEVEN SORTIES TO SVAY RIENG, AND EXPECT TO FLY FOURTEEN TOMORROW.

OF THE 1,700 M/T OF RICE SET ASIDE IN SAIGON FOR AIRLIFT OPERATIONS OUT OF THE ORIGINAL 20,000 M/T, THE GVN HAS RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING 900 M/T REPRESENTING THE COMPENSATION OWED BY THE GKR

FOR AIRLIFTS TO SVAY RIENG MADE FROM VIETNAM LAST YEAR. AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE RICE COMMITTEE, WE URGED THE GKR TO INITIATE A FORMAL NOTE TO THE GVN REQUESTING THAT THE 900 M/T BE REPAID LATER. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THESE 900 M/T, THERE REMAINS IN SAIGON APPROXIMATELY 305 M/T OF THE RICE EARMARKED FOR SHIPMENT BY WATER, WHICH WILL NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE AIR AMERICA AIRLIFT OPERATION.

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